

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Broadening Reissue Application of

Yoshitaka ITOH and Toshiaki HASHIZUME

Serial No.: Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,809 issued November 16, 1999
(U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/029,080 filed February 20, 1998)

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: POLARIZATION CONVERSION ELEMENT, POLARIZATION ILLUMINATOR,
DISPLAY USING THE SAME ILLUMINATOR, AND PROJECTOR (As Amended)

Docket No.: 039504.99



CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present Reissue Application is based on U.S. Patent No. 5,986,809, which issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/029,080 filed February 20, 1998.

The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign countries is hereby requested for the above-identified reissue patent application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 8-165006, filed June 25, 1997; and
PCT/JP97/02189, filed June 25, 1997.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign application was filed in PCT/JP97/02189.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Eric D. Morehouse
Registration No. 38,565

JAO:EDM/gam

Date: November 16, 2001

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
